News release

Freezing conditions and more snow

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Temperatures in Scotland could plunge to -20 °C tonight, Met Office forecasters are warning.

Parts of northern Scotland could see overnight temperatures dropping close to record levels for March as the wintry weather continues. The lowest March temperature recorded in Scotland was -22.8 °C at Logie Coldstone.

Across Scotland there have already been more than 20 cm (eight inches) of snow causing widespread travel disruption and many school closures.

Further south, Wales has also been hard hit with more than 15 cm (six inches) in parts of north Wales. The snow showers will continue to affect the area today but are forecast to die out during Thursday evening.

Forecasters at the Met Office continue to monitor a weather system developing over the Atlantic, which could bring significant snowfall to far south-eastern parts of England during Friday.

Over the weekend, further significant snowfall is expected across northern Scotland and Northern Ireland. Elsewhere the wintry theme will continue with widespread overnight frosts.

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